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SUBJ-CT: FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM: VISIT OF FRANCISCO VIDAL

REF: A) CARACAS 2720, B) CARACAS 3476

1. USDOC/BIC CONTACTED AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PORT AUTHORITIES (AAPA) WASHINGTON, D.C. RE VIDAL REQUEST. AAPA ADVISED THAT PORTS OF HOUSTON AND NEW ORLEANS IDEALLY SUITED FOR VIDAL INTEREST, AS BOTH PORTS HANDLE ALL TYPES OF FACILITIES MENTIONED REFTEL PARA 3A AND 3B.

2. USDOC/BIC THEN CONTACTED FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS IN HOUSTON AND ALL INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH AND ASSISTING VIDAL:

--- A. PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITIES (PHA), 1519 CAPITOL STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS, PHONE (713) 225-0671. MR. VON BRYANT, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR PORT OF HOUSTON, IS PRESENT CONTACT. HOWEVER, HE WILL BE OUT OF TOWN ALL DURING MONTH OF MAY. ONCE SPECIFIC ITINERARY OF VIDAL IS KNOWN, ALTERNATE BILINGUAL CONTACT CAN BE ARRANGED. PHA WILL PROVIDE COMPLETE TOUR OF HOUSTON PORT FACILITY (EXPECTED TO LAST 2-3 DAYS) AND WILL ATTEMPT ASSIST VIDAL RE OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST.

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--- B. INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, (IIE)

SUITE 1-A, WORLD TRADE CENTER, 1520 TEXAS AVENUE, HOUSTON, TEXAS, PHONE: (713) 228-7497. CONTACT: MISS MEWHITER. IIE WILL ARRANGE PLANT VISITS FOR VIDAL.

--- C. HOUSTON DISTRICT OFFICE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF VIDAL VISIT AND WILL ASSIST HIM IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY. CONTACT: MR. FELICITO GUERRERO, WHO IS BILINGUAL. PHONE, (713) 226-4231.

3. FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS IN NEW ORLEANS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND ALL INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH VIDAL:

--- A. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS NO. 2 CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. PHONE (504) 522-2551. CONTACT: MR. DENIS GRACE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR TRADE DEVELOPMENT IN NEW ORLEANS, WILL BE PLEASED ASSIST VIDAL FULLY DURING HIS VISIT TO PORT OF NEW ORLEANS. HOWEVER, HE ALSO WANTS SPECIFIC ITINERARY OF VIDAL ASAP IN ORDER TO PLAN TOURS, MEETINGS, ETC.

--- B. NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT OFFICE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF VIDAL VISIT AND WILL ASSIST FULLY. CONTACT: MR. ANDY HORCASITAS, PHONE (504) 589-6546. HORCASITAS IS BILINGUAL.

4. SHOULD VIDAL REQUEST FURTHER ASSISTANCE DURING U.S. VISIT, FOREIGN BUYER STAFF PROJECT OFFICER, PAT CASEY, OED/BIC, PHONE (202) 967-3265, WILL BE HAPPY ASSIST. CASEY IS ALSO BILINGUAL. KISSINGER

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